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actions, just as I mark well what I do and consider the consequences of my actions. The best thing that could happen, how ever it would occur, is to balance the amount we spend and the amount we take in as revenue in such a way that the gap, the shortfall, how ever people characterize the plight the state is in, is remedied. There are many subterfuges going on. There are many false trails being laid. There are red herrings being drawn across other trails. The Governor has a heavy hand in all of this, and he has minions and messengers who are floating certain ideas and notions. That is a part of the legislative process. There always has been, always will be and should be a tension between the various branches of government. That's where the check and balance concept comes into play. The Governor is free to try anything he thinks he can get passed by this Legislature that will benefit him politically. When Governor Nelson was here, I fought the Democrats who were trying to help Nelson get elected to the Senate by combining a lot of agencies into HHS by pretending to consolidate and reduce the size of government, and I saw it for the sham it was. I fought it hard and if anybody wants to check the transcripts they can see it. I even told the Democrats that if a "Pepelican" Governor were trying to do the same thing you'd be fighting it as hard as I am. Now the "Repelicans" want to help Governor Johanns get into the U.S. Senate...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so they're willing to sabotage the ongoing welfare of this state in the same way the Democrats sabotaged it by creating a vast agency which nobody has a handle on, which helps create some of the problem we face now. So I will fight this Governor as I fought that Governor, but I want to show the context in which this is happening. We're dealing with the first serious rounds fired by the Governor in his campaign for the U.S. Senate, and those messengers who bring and carry water for him are not going to have an easy time of it, nor will Senator Brashear, with his bill, if it contains things such as what we're talking about now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.